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RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Groundwater Monitoring/O&M Activities

Dear Mr. Bradley:

Thank you for your October 2, 2003 letter which: (1) approved ENTACT's "Five-Year Review Final Report" and ARCADIS' "2003 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report" for the NL/Taracorp Site; and (2) approved modifications to the long-term groundwater monitoring program for the site.

As outlined in your letter and as we have subsequently discussed, the following modifications will be made to the long-term groundwater monitoring program:

- Future groundwater sampling will be limited to the 20 wells within the property boundaries of the Main Industrial Site;
- The off-site downgradient well nests installed at the Granite City Steel facility (GMMW-115, GMMW-124, and GMMW-125) and the Terminal Railroad of St. Louis property (GMMW-116) will be eliminated from the future monitoring program;
- The remote fill area wells (GMMW-117, GMMW-118, and GMMW-119 in Venice Township; and GMMW-120, GMMW-121, and GMMW-122 at Eagle Park Acres) will be eliminated from the future monitoring program; and
- The frequency of groundwater monitoring will be reduced from annually to one event performed every five years in conjunction with EPA's five-year reviews.



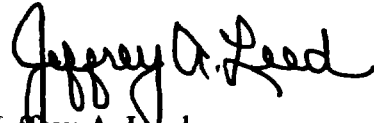
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Also, the NL/Taracorp Superfund Site Group has authorized ENTACT to perform operation and maintenance activities at the site to address the items outlined in Appendix E of ENTACT's "Five-Year Review Final Report." I will advise you as soon as ENTACT has provided its schedule for mobilizing to the site to perform the work.

Thank you for your assistance. Please advise if additional information or clarification is needed.

Very truly yours,

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